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JOURNEY IN CHRONOLOGY

APRIL: IN PERSON TRAINING & COMMISSIONING.



JOURNEY IN CAMBODIA

GREETINGS OF PEACE FROM CAMBODIA!

Half of the year was finished. I thank God for all your prayers for me. I am blessed to learn more each day here as I am engaging with many communities. The weather during this quarter was really challenging. Although my country is tropical, the summer months here were so different and hotter. Despite that, I saw how Khmer people are so hard working. They do not give up even if the weather is exhausting for working.

I am also fascinated this quarter with many beautiful places here in Cambodia, but many places here were rooted in sad stories, a painful history that still affected the present generation. The competition in the business world also controls how people relate to one another here.



Early in April, I was so happy to join our fieldwork among our Health Center partners in the province of Kratie, one of the border provinces to Vietnam. I learned how our partners there were working especially at one clinic on the exit-border to Vietnam. I am so blessed to witness how dedicated and sacrificial the full-time clinic staff there. At the end of the month, I am so blessed to attend our first-time in-person missionary training in Asia with GMF and Global Missionaries. For many months, we just met in zoom. I didn't expect that we will meet in person since our missionary journey was greatly challenged by the COVID-19 pandemic. I thank God for the opportunity to meet new friends, listen to inspiring call stories, and have a new missionary family.



Another thing, this quarter, we experienced the 3rd New Year celebrations here. It was the same time of the Holy Week celebration. The Cambodians celebrated their Khmer New Year in accordance with Buddhist practice. So amazed that they have traditions in that celebration that we have also in our Christmas and Festival in the Philippines. For Khmer, the season when rainwater pours is the time they will celebrate New Year. May this nation receive the Living Water, our Jesus, to have a great new start for their lives.

1. Wisdom as I prepare running the training lessons for CHAD Capacity Building Training during 3rd quarter.

2. Wisdom and diligence as I finish and practice what I've learned in my Language Class Level 3.

3. Good Health and Safety in every day travel and my family back home.

4. More opportunities to engage in church community here

Pray + Jay

MAY: BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS



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JOURNEY WITH CHAD

Before, I was curious why houses in the villages have so many cemented big jars and why tubes were installed connected to their roofs. Then, as I interviewed, I found out that they really catch rain water to use. Drinking water here in Cambodia is difficult. For the past 8 months joining our team in the field, I understand why our "Clean Water Project" is important. People are so happy when they received help to secure their needs to have access to Clean Water. They can save money and especially they can avoid sickness if they have clean water. Because of poverty and corruption, this need was not given priority in rural areas. The poor villages suffered. CHAD is helping communities with shared resources and accountability so people will value what help they received.



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Last May, I was given the opportunity to continue the training support I am doing with the CSCFO, our school partner in Street Children Ministry. So grateful to see the growth of the teaching Team. I am also blessed to celebrate my 31st birthday outside the country. I felt so much love from my GMF friends, my GBGM Cambodia family, my Filipino church here, friends, and family in the Philippines. Even I am homesick, God surrounded me with wonderful people that gave me joy to start another journey in my life.





JOURNEY WITH CHURCH

I am honored to experience new celebration of Mother's day here in Cambodia. The Khmer service in Toul Kork Methodist church celebrated Mother's Day with foot washing ceremony. Immediate families of every mother there did foot washing to them. It was a beautiful picture of the humility, service, and love that mothers provide for the family. The church didn't think even ceremony will take more time to finish, everyone was eager and happy to wait to do it and express how grateful they are to all the mothers.



Also, it was my first time to see baptism that is not immersion. I grew up in place where we have easy access to rivers and beaches so we really do immersion baptism. But, I realized that even it is not immersion, knowing that this country have strong Buddhist belief, to see a Khmer received Christ and followed water baptism was a joyful event of expanding the kingdom of God to the lost.

JOURNEY WITH CHRIST

I like to share to you the message God lead me when I was given opportunity to share message in Filipino church. I was really comforted with these verse in Psalm 37:3- 9 when tough times happened this quarter. I learned and compared these verse as compass that God wanted me to keep. North: I will trust in Him to move forward towards my goal. South: I will take delight in Him even when things make me feel down. East: I will commit everything to Him as I start my everyday life. West: I will be still in Him as I end everyday with patient. The anchor cross I received during my commissioning reminded me that Jesus will be my guide in this journey. May you also find strength in God's presence everyday.

JOURNEY IN CHRONOLOGY

JUNE: BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING



So many challenging things happened during this month, but I thank God that I survived because of His guidance to me. I am so happy that before the end of the month, I was given opportunity to share testimony among the new batch of GMF. That opportunity gave me time also to process and look back how the Lord was so faithful to me. He had blessed me with many things in this mission journey and I am so grateful to share this to others especially to the new batch of GMF.



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